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Claim 9 (twice amended). A DNA construct comprising [a] the DNA sequence of

Claim 1.

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Claim 12 (twice amended). A cotton plant cell comprising the DNA construct of Claim 9.

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Claim 13 (twice amended). A cotton plant comprising the cell of Claim 12.

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regenerating a cotton plant comprising fiber tissue from said cotton plant cell, wherein said fiber tissue comprises a substrate for said protein, and wherein said protein reacts with said substrate to produce a pigment, whereby the color of said fiber is modified.

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transforming a cotton plant cell with a first DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence comprising I) a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:15 and nucleotides 65-4163 of SEQ ID NO:7, and ii) an open reading frame encoding a protein selected from the group consisting of tyrosinase, tryptophanase and indole oxygenase;

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combine *29*
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transforming said cotton plant cell with a second DNA construct according to Claim 9 or

and regenerating a cotton plant comprising fiber tissue from said cotton plant cell,
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with said substrate to produce a pigment, whereby the color of said fiber is modified, and
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I6 *44*
Claim 19 (amended). The method of Claim 18 wherein said pigment is melanin and said
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I7 *47* *40*
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I8 *44*
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J9 *34* Claim *51* (twice amended). [The] A DNA construct comprising the DNA sequence of

Claim *44*. *10*

JP *34* *51* Claim *53* (twice amended). A cotton plant cell comprising the DNA construct of Claim

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